

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th September 2019

RICHARD COBDEN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Welcome Back

It was lovely to welcome you all back at the beginning of our new school year. Our new families and members of staff have all settled in well and we have had a productive start to the term. It was wonderful to see so many of you visiting your children's new classrooms at our open mornings which started this week and will continue next week. Now that our Reception and Nursery pupils have had a chance to settle in, we will be inviting parents/guardians of these classes in for their meetings soon, so watch out for your invitation.

## Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting

A reminder to all parents/guardians of children in Year 6 that this is the time to be visiting secondary schools and looking through the online booklet on the Camden admissions website so that you can make your secondary school choices for your children.

Please make sure that you visit the website at [www.camden.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.camden.gov.uk/admissions) to register. Please note that you must have a **current, functioning email address** in order to register for any account. **After creating the account you must keep the username and password safe as this will be needed to complete your application.**

If you are not able to make the application online we will be able to help you at the meeting on **Thursday 10th October** but you must have registered and bring your username and password with you.

We are all looking forward to another happy and successful year ahead at Richard Cobden.

## Samba music workshop - Year 6



Year 6 enjoyed an inspirational workshop with a Brazilian percussionist and workshop leader this week. The children learned how to sing and play some

samba rhythms and were introduced to a selection of Brazilian percussion instruments, which they then played together as a class samba band.



## PE



Our Year 5 and 6 athletics squad have started training sessions lead by a coach from Highgate Harriers Running Club. The children will train on Friday mornings in preparation for upcoming cross-country and indoor athletics competitions.



## ABRSM Music Awards



*Congratulations to the six children who were awarded their bronze and silver ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) Music Medal qualifications this week. The children were learning the instruments in Year 5 as part of our Wider Opportunities Music Programme and worked hard to prepare for their assessment in July. This is a fantastic achievement for the children involved and we are very proud of them!*

*This is the first time that we have entered children for ABRSM Music Medal assessments and we hope that more Year 4 and 5 children will gain Music Medal qualifications this year. The ABRSM Music Medals run alongside the ABRSM grade exams and have been devised to be used in schools where children are learning instruments in groups. Beyond our Wider Opportunities Music Programme, the children will be able to continue to have instrumental lessons and progress through ABRSM Music Medals or ABRSM grade exams. It is rewarding for the children to have their musical progress acknowledged and marked by the achievement of these awards, while at the same time collecting credits that can be used towards other national qualifications and UCAS points on application to university in the future.*

## Certificates of Achievement

Well done to our most recent certificate winners who were nominated for achieving well in their learning or behaviour. These children will be presented with their certificates in assembly:

**Year 1:** Adam Alikhanov; Modina Moshin  
**Year 2:** Laila El-Louah; Fatima Alam; Mohamed Abdullahi; Jessica Ferguson  
**Year 3:** Sumaya Abdulla; Yusuf Khan  
**Year 4:** Hafsa Jannath; Nayr Lopes Holgate  
**Year 6:** Shayara Ahmed; Iqram Noor; Bashir Jalalzadeh; Blessing Basima



## Thames Explorer Workshop

Year 4 took part in a Water Workshop with the Thames Explorer Trust. We learnt all about the importance of the Thames estuary in World Trade. We learnt that in the UK, we import a lot of our goods from other countries. The clothes we wear, the food we eat, and the resources we use every day are transported on huge cargo ships from all over the world!



## Term Dates

**MAKE SURE ALL HOLIDAYS OR JOURNEYS ABROAD ARE BOOKED IN SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIME. HOLIDAY LEAVE DURING TERM TIME WILL NOT BE GRANTED.**  
**2019 – 2020 Academic Year**

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

**Half Term** Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
**Children return** Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October  
**Last day of term** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### SPRING TERM 2020

**Staff INSET Day** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
**Staff INSET Day** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
**Start of Term for Children** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
**Half Term** Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
**Children return** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
**Last day of term** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### SUMMER TERM 2020

**Staff INSET Day** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
**Start of Term for Children** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
**May Day Bank Holiday** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
**Half Term** Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May  
**Last day of term** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Gold Award!

**Richard Cobden School** have been awarded a Gold School Games Mark for commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2018/19.

Congratulations to all of our pupils for their hard work in PE lessons, clubs and competitions.



## Best Attendance for the last two weeks:

**W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** **W/C 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:**  
**Rec Ash:** 100 % **Rec Ash:** 97%  
**5 Birch:** 99% **6 Jacaranda:** 99%



**Well done everyone!**

**Keep up the good work!**